

Remarks

The Status of the Claims

Prior to this response to the Office Action, Claims 1-18 were pending in the subject application. According to the Office Action, Claims 1-12 and 15-18 are viewed as being allowable.

In this response to the Office Action, Applicants have without prejudice canceled Claims 13 and 14. Applicants reserve the right to further prosecute canceled Claims 13 and 14 in a divisional application.

Summary

In view of the amendments, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. A timely Notice of Allowance is requested for Claims 1 and 3-31.

Respectfully submitted,



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